

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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WHEREAS, Arizona is confronted with growth and development problems unique to rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that public and private sector development resources be integrated and focused in Arizona's rural areas to promote and sustain an acceptable standard of living for all residents, especially those households eliminated from the economic mainstream; and

WHEREAS, development programs should be carefully integrated and coordinated to achieve maximum benefit for rural areas, communities and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, sound rural development efforts require citizens to work together with local, state and federal officials in a coordinated effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this state, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I. Establishment of the Governor's Rural Development Advisory Council.

- A. There is established a Governor's Rural Development Advisory Council hereby referred to as the "Council."
- B. The Council shall be composed of not less than fifteen members, appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure, from among persons with a competency and true interest in Arizona's rural development issues.
- C. The Council shall include representation of the rural poor and minorities.
- D. The Governor shall appoint, from within his office, a chairperson for the Council.
- E. In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more frequently at the call of the Chairperson.

II. Duties of the Governor's Rural Development Advisory Council.

- A. The Council shall serve as an advisory entity to the Governor and federal agencies at the state level, as well as a forum for the discussion and resolution of rural development problems.
- B. The Council shall submit to the Governor recommendations that target state and federal resources in a coordinated effort toward rural areas experiencing the greatest development need.
- C. The Council shall recommend to the Governor a state investment strategy for rural areas that funnels existing public and private sector resources toward priority areas.

- D. The Council shall assist rural areas in defining their development problems and examining potential resolution strategies for implementation at the local level.

III. Miscellaneous.

- A. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation or expense to the state of Arizona, except that expenditures may be made from federal funds received by the state and allocated to the Council for normal expenses of the Council and its members if such expenditures are in accordance with the law.
- B. The Council shall be staffed from personnel employed in the Arizona Office of Economic Planning and Development.

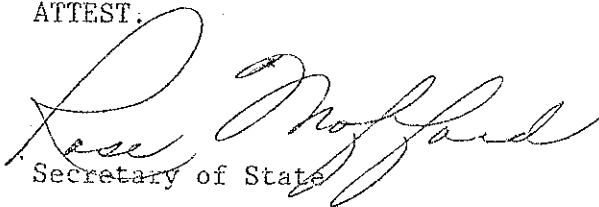
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the  
Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine  
Hundred and Seventy-nine and of the  
Independence of the United States of  
America the Two Hundred and Third.

ATTEST.



Rose Mofford  
Secretary of State